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SUBJECT: CSCE - CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

REF: A) USNATO 5085, B) STATE 211308

1. AT OCTOBER 26 MEETING, POLADS REACHED GENERAL CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF FRG PAPER (USNATO 3085) CONCERNING VOLUNTARY CHARACTER OF CBMS. U.S., UK AND OTHERS SUGGESTED THAT FRG TEXT COULD BE IMPROVED IN PLACES TO REMOVE ANY IMPLICATION (SUCH AS "CONFEREES UNDERTAKE") THAT AGREED CBMS WOULD HAVE A BINDING OR TREATY CHARACTER. FRG REP UNDERLINED THAT PAPER UNDER DISCUSSION WAS HIS "SPEAKING NOTES," AND THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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FRG WAS NOT WEDDED TO ANY SPECIFIC FORMULATIONS. POLADS AGREED TO REPORT THEIR GENERAL AGREEMENT ON PAPER TO GENEVA. THERE COULD BE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC POINTS HERE IN NATO AS NECESSARY.

2. POLADS ALSO DISCUSSED YUGOSLAV PAPER (GENEVA 5596). A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE PAPER, PARTICULARLY PARAGRAPHS 6 AND 7. CANADIAN REP SAID HIS DELEGATION IN GENEVA UNDERSTOOD THAT YUGOSLAVS HAD TABLED PAPER AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION LEADING ULTIMATELY ONLY TO A GENERAL STATEMENT, NOT TO AGREEMENT ON THE PAPER. UK REP MADE CLEAR THAT HMG DID NOT CHAMPION THE YUGOSLAV PAPER OR ANY SPECIFIC PART OF IT. RATHER, UK THOUGHT THE CONCEPT OF "SELF-RESTRAINT," AS EXEMPLIFIED IN FIRST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 6 MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN "CHAPEAU" OF A CSCE PAPER ON CBMS. UK REP PROMISED TO CIRCULATE NOTE EXPANDING ON HMG'S IDEAS FOR USE OF SELF-RESTRAINT CONCEPT.

3. POLADS AGREED TO DISCUSS YUGOSLAV PAPER AGAIN OCTOBER 30.

4. CONCERNING SPANISH PAPER (GENEVA 5172) NETHERLANDS AND FRG REPS ASKED MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF THE MEASURES LISTED IN THE PAPER, POSSIBLY LEADING TO A FURTHER DISCUSSION OCTOBER 30.

5. AS TO ARABIC IN U.S. PASSPORTS, U.S. REP TOOK OCCASION TO DRAW UPON STATE 207792.
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